

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 21, 2011

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 770**

---

---

**Introduced by Senator Evans**

February 18, 2011

---

---

An act to ~~amend Section 2863 of~~ *add Section 2864* to the Fish and Game Code, relating to marine resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 770, as amended, Evans. Marine protected areas.

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) establishes the Marine Life Protection Program to reexamine and redesign California's marine protected area system. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to prepare, and the Fish and Game Commission to adopt, a master plan that guides the adoption and implementation of the program, including recommended alternative networks of marine protected areas. ~~The MLPA requires the department to confer when necessary with the United States Navy regarding issues related to its activities under the MLPA.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that requirement to confer~~ *authorize the Department of Fish and Game to confer with federally recognized Native American tribes regarding issues related to its activities under the MLPA.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 2864 is added to the Fish and Game Code,*
- 2 *to read:*

1     2864. *The department may confer with federally recognized*  
2 *Native American tribes regarding issues related to its activities.*  
3     ~~SECTION 1. Section 2863 of the Fish and Game Code is~~  
4 ~~amended to read:~~  
5     ~~2863. The department shall confer when necessary with the~~  
6 ~~United States Navy regarding issues related to its activities.~~

O